

REMARKS

Claims 1, 8-11, 18-20 and 22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kanack et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,263,034, "Kanack"). Claims 2 and 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kanack. Claims 3-7, 13-17 and 21 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant's attorney thanks the Examiner for this indication.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to include all limitations of objected to claim 3. Independent claim 11 has been amended to include all limitations of objected to claim 13. Independent claim 22 has been amended to include elements similar to amended claim 1. All claims depend from one of independent claims 1, 11, or 22. All claims are now allowable and a notice of allowability is courteously solicited. Please direct any questions or comments to the undersigned attorney at the address indicated.

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